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IN THE GREY AREA

Complaint against man who uploaded video on social media stirs debate over whether citizens' desire for justice can turn invasion of privacy

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Five mobile-snatching cases reported from different parts of the city in one night, indicating rising audacity of thieves

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Dangerously sophisticated malware that uses emotionally charged content related to terror attack that can even bypass multi-factor authentication circulating in city

TRAGEDY AS CLICK BAIT

Organisations urged to add security measures such as biometric verification, time-based prompt expiry

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As discussions around the recent Pahalgam attack dominate among public and official discourse, cybercriminals have seized the moment to launch a new wave of cyberattacks that exploit both technological vulnerabilities and human emotions. According to the city's cybercrime officials, a dangerously sophisticated malware campaign is circulating, using emotionally charged content related to the attack as bait. Notably, the malware is capable of bypassing multi-factor authentication (MFA).

The malware is being spread through highly emotional videos and images captioned with provocative messages like "Set this as your DP in memory of the victims" or "Watch this tourist's final message". These posts are circulating across messaging platforms and social media, often forwarded by unsuspecting friends or relatives.

Cyber crime police officials explained how this malware works.

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"Do not download unknown files, even if they seem emotionally compelling. Never approve MFA prompts unless you initiated the login

—Cyber crime police official

Age no bar, to save the green

Senior citizens in JP Nagar have taken up cudgels to save Mini Forest from threat of proposed double-decker road, metro corridor

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Senior citizens living in JP Nagar are concerned about Mini Forest — one of Bengaluru's few remaining green spaces. So much so that a group of septa- and octogenarians have come together to start a campaign to save this miniature forest located amidst a concrete jungle. Seniors say one of the last lung spaces in the area is under threat due to various developmental activities.

Their biggest concern – the proposed double-decker road and metro corridor spanning 32.15 km between JP Nagar and Hebbal.

"We are starting the campaign to save the mini forest that is facing multiple threats, with the latest being the BMRCL and BBMP double-decker road project.

As per the detailed project report, the flyover will land abutting the entrance of the mini forest. As it is, we are witnessing a decline in the number of birds nesting inside the forest area due to a multifold increase in vehicular traffic leading to noise and dust pollution," said a senior citizen.

Citizens say the green patch has unique tree species, which is home to about 22 species of birds and other wildlife.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Soulful blues

Windmills is presenting The Arinjoy Trio, one of India's most electrifying blues acts, who have carved a distinctive place in the Indian music scene with their dynamic interpretations of blues music.

Where: Windmills, Whitefield;
When: May 9 and 10, 9.30 pm

02 Lavani legacy

Atta Galatta is organising Liberate Through Lavani, an insightful session that offers a glimpse into the lives of traditional Lavani artists from matriarchal communities.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: May 8, 7 pm

03 Bassi-cally hilarious

After the success of 'Bas Kar Bassi', Anubhav Bassi is coming back to perform live, bringing a whole new set of funny stories and jokes to entertain the audience.
Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte;
When: May 30, 7.30 pm

04 Boundless books

LOCKTHEBOX, a book fest is being organised, presenting thousands of books–new and pre-loved, bestselling and hidden gems.
Where: Garuda Mall, Ashok Nagar;
When: May 8 to 18, 11 am

05 Stage spectacle

Academy of Music and Nrithya Rangoli Festival is presenting Rama Katha Vismaya, a broadway style grand spectacle that brings together 60 talented artists and cutting-edge techniques to create an immersive experience unlike any other.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram;
When: May 17 and 18, 6.30 pm

Paving their path with determination and grit

From overcoming personal struggles to having dedicated preparation methods and support from peers, RGUHS toppers share their success stories

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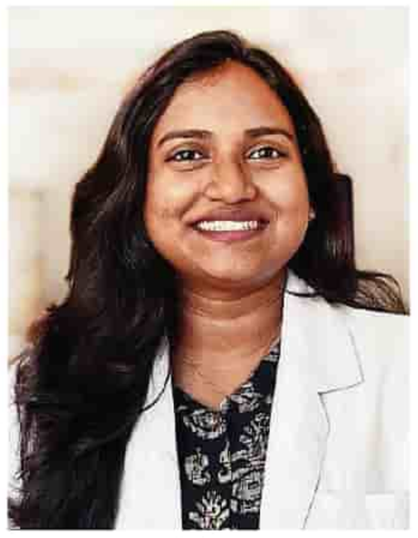
When Dr Girish BS lost his mother during his first year of pharmacy school, his life came to a standstill. But a promise to make her proud became his guiding light. After bagging six gold medals at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) convocation, he has emerged as one of the university's top performers.

"She passed away just months before my exams," Girish told Bangalore Mirror. "I hadn't processed her loss, but I remembered how happy she was when I scored 91% in 12th grade—she distributed sweets to our entire village. I kept going in the hope that, somehow, she would feel that joy again." Books became his anchor in grief. One title 'The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari' resonated deeply with him. "It made me reflect on finding peace beyond material success. It helped me cope, and reminded me that I had a purpose," he said. A trained classical musician, Girish also turned to music for solace. "Music gave me the quiet my mind needed," he shared.

His academic strategy was unique—he relied more on focus during lectures than on daily revisions. "I wasn't the kind to read every day. But I paid attention in class, made my own notes, and reviewed them strategically during exams," he said. Above all, he carried forward his mother's values. Recalling her act of donating her mangalsutra to help a woman in labour, Girish said, "Her kindness is something I hold close. It continues to inspire everything I do."



Dr Girish BS (Left) won six gold medals at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and Dr Gannyashree (Right) bagged four gold medals and emerged as the university's overall topper across AYUSH streams

RGUHS convocation today

The 27th Annual Convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) is set to take place on Tuesday, with Azim Premji, Chairman of Azim Premji Foundation and Wipro Enterprises Ltd. Three eminent personalities—Dr Hombe Gowda Sharat Chandra, Dr Girish Rao, and Dr GT Subhas—will be conferred with the Honorary Doctorate Degree 'Doctor of Science' (Honoris Causa), in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the field of health sciences. This year's convocation will see degrees and awards being presented to a record 63,982 candidates across various disciplines. These include 82 PhD scholars, 265 candidates from super-specialty courses, 8,588 post-graduates, 6 postgraduate diploma holders, 515 fellowship recipients, 9 certificate course graduates, and 54,517 undergraduate students. The overall pass percentage across all faculties stands at 87.49%.

Topping the AYUSH ranks

Dr Gannyashree, an alumnus of SDM College of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, Ujire, stood tall at the RGUHS convocation, sweeping four gold medals and emerging as the university's overall topper across AYUSH streams. "I topped not just in naturopathy, but across Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Yoga disciplines," she said with pride. She said that every year, she competed against the best from all streams, and led the scoreboard.

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> –Dr Girish BS, RGUHS gold medalist

Her secret? A systematic approach and year-long dedication. "I began preparing from day one—studying past question papers, referring to updated textbooks, and reviewing relevant research papers," she explained. Instead of full-length answers, she condensed key points into a notepad for quick revision before exams. Access to study materials, however, was a challenge. "Our college librarian, Praveen Naik sir, made a huge difference. I'd send him article links, and he'd get me the PDFs through the college subscription," she said. Gannyashree also credited her peer group. "We created a strong study circle—sharing notes, lifting each other's spirits. If someone was feeling low, we all stepped in," she said. Even when exhaustion crept in, she remained resolute. She said that there was no dramatic turning point in her journey as she was goal-driven from the beginning. "From 81% in my first year to 87% in the final year, I made sure my graph only went up," she expressed.

New app for faster emergency response

Mysore-based Jireh Cardiodigi Solutions Pvt Ltd launched a mobile app, Hrudal, aimed at improving healthcare access across India by reducing delays in emergency response, diagnostics, and treatment. The app was launched in Bengaluru by Dr David J Chelli, MD and CEO of the company. Founded in 2024, Jireh Cardiodigi aims to address gaps in India's healthcare delivery through a mix of digital and offline services. Dr Chelli said that the app is built to ensure effective use of healthcare resources and reduce diagnosis costs through technology. He added that Hrudal will bring 15 healthcare service providers onto a single platform, covering all 800 districts in the country.

The app allows users to book 24/7 ambulance services, order medicines, schedule home-based diagnostics, physiotherapy and rehabilitation services, and locate verified doctors and hospitals. It also provides pricing details and offers discounts. MP CN Manjunath, who attended the event, said that the initiative could help connect various parts of the healthcare system and improve medical delivery in India. **–BMB**

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Surge in banana prices

Even as summer ushers in an abundance of seasonal fruits like watermelon, grapes, and mangoes, banana prices have defied the usual trend and shot up instead of falling. Traditionally, banana prices dip during summer due to increased supply of other fruits. However, this year, wholesale prices of the Yelakki variety have touched Rs 60 per kg, while Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (HOPCOMS) is selling it at Rs 83 per kg. In retail markets, the price has surged to Rs 85 to Rs 90 per kg. The Pachbale (green) variety is being sold at Rs 32 per kg in HOPCOMS, and around Rs 40 in retail depending on quality. **–BMB**

Quality check for jalebi

Following complaints about the use of artificial colouring in jalebi and juices sold across the state, the Food Safety and Drug Administration has initiated an urgent quality check. Social media reports highlighted the widespread use of artificial colours in these products, prompting food safety officials to take action. The Food Safety Commissioner has directed all district officers to collect five samples of jalebi and five samples of sharbat from their respective regions for analysis. These samples must be sent to the government food laboratories within three days for testing. Once the reports are received, they are to be forwarded to the central office immediately. The Food Department has already conducted tests on numerous food items and banned those that do not meet quality standards. In addition, actions have been taken against the vendors involved in selling substandard products. **–BMB**

Row during IPL match: IPS officer family harassed

Cubbon Park police have registered an FIR against unidentified individuals for allegedly harassing the wife of a senior IPS officer and her two children during an IPL match at Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday.

The complainant, Nitu Thakur, a professor at a private college, was at the stadium with her son and daughter. They were seated in the Diamond Box with other officials when a couple, also senior officials in the central government, got into an argument with them over a minor issue.

According to the complaint, the accused shouted at the victims, hurled abuses, and touched them inappropriately. The incident was recorded on a mobile phone by Thakur's son before they approached the police. — BMB

Call for justice online turns privacy invasion

Victim files complaint over privacy issues as video uploaded on socials without consent

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The victim of a molestation case has filed a complaint against a man, who shared CCTV footage of the incident on social media — before informing the authorities. This incident has sparked a debate about how citizens now prefer social media over police stations when it comes to reporting crimes or civic issues.

On April 3, two women were groped near their PG in SG Palya. Though they did not report it to the police, a local resident, Lokesh Gowda, uploaded video from CCTV footage to Twitter. The post went viral, and police were pushed into action.

After reviewing almost footage from around 600 CCTV cameras, 26-year-old Santosh Daniel from Kerala who had prior similar accusations was arrested. Now one of the victims has filed a complaint against Lokesh for posting the video without her consent. Gowda finds himself facing legal action for allegedly violating cyber laws and compromising the victim's privacy.

According to police sources, while Gowda's intention might have been to bring attention to the incident, the method he chose bypassed crucial protocols. "When someone comes across such sensitive footage, the first step should be to approach the police. Uploading it online can lead to identification of the survivor, secondary trauma, and even hinder the investigation," said a police official.

Police Commissioner B Dayananda clarified, "So far, we have not taken suo moto action against anyone who has posted complaints on social media. In such cases, our focus has been on identifying and arresting the accused responsible for causing public disturbance. That said, we strongly encourage the public to file a formal complaint with the police before sharing such content online."

Advocate Rajalakshmi told BM that there are two sides to this case. "If the victim has filed a complaint against Lokesh, it suggests she was uncomfortable with the video being shared, possibly due to personal reasons, lack of family support, fear of social stigma, or simply not wanting the issue to become public. However, from a positive perspective, Lokesh acted out of concern as a responsible citizen. He witnessed a crime through CCTV footage and, unaware of whether the victim had reported it, chose to make it public to prompt action from the police and judiciary. While his action did raise concerns about privacy, it also helped catch the accused."

> **When someone comes across such sensitive footage, the first step should be to approach the police** –Police official

Rajalakshmi urged that bringing such incidents to light can serve as a deterrent, create awareness, and help prevent similar crimes in the future. While acknowledging the privacy concerns involved, she believes Lokesh's actions had a positive social impact. She cautioned that the public should not remain passive in the face of wrongdoing. "We often criticise people for staying silent when witnessing injustice. Now that someone has taken a stand, we shouldn't discourage it. It should inspire more people to act responsibly," she said.

Even Bengaluru police encourage people to speak up. "Your alertness can prevent crime. Report any suspicious activity to 112..."

Singer Sonu Nigam summoned by police

Renowned playback singer Sonu Nigam has been summoned by the Bengaluru Rural Police to appear within seven days in connection with an FIR filed against him for allegedly making an offensive comment about the Kannada language during a recent concert.

The FIR was registered at Avalahalli police station following a complaint by A Dharmaraj, president of the Karnataka Rakshana Bedike, a pro-Kannada organisation. The complaint alleges that during Nigam's performance at East Point College of Engineering and Technology in Virgonagar on April 25, the singer responded dismissively to a student's request for a Kannada song by making a objectionable statement connecting to the Pahalgam attack. Bengaluru Rural Superintendent of Police, CK Baba, has clarified that Sonu Nigam's response during a college event has no connection to any anti-Kannada sentiment. "A case has been registered at Avalahalli Police Station, but this is a sentimental issue related to language. His reaction had nothing to do with Kannada specifically, we have issued the notice," said Baba.

Meanwhile, the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) on Monday announced a ban on singer Sonu Nigam. M. Narasimhulu, President of the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, said: "Despite widespread condemnation across the state, Sonu Nigam has not issued an apology for his remarks. Until he tenders an unconditional apology, he will be banned from singing in Kannada films and from participating in any events or cultural programmes in the state." — BMB

Advocate's death: Accident, not murder

The mysterious death of advocate Jagadish, whose body was discovered on the Bannerghatta-Kanakapura stretch of NICE Road last Friday, has taken a turn. Initially suspected to be a case of murder or road rage, preliminary police investigations now point towards an accident.

Jagadish's body was found approximately 200 metres away from his parked vehicle between 7.30 pm and 8 pm on May 2. The car bore multiple accident marks, raising suspicions of foul play.

However, the investigation has revealed that the incident likely began with a minor collision between two vehicles during heavy rain. While the driver was reportedly discussing the matter on the roadside, a lorry coming from behind is believed to have hit them. This sequence of events is now suspected to have caused Jagadish's death. Police sources have confirmed that the case does not appear to be premeditated or linked to personal enmity.

The car and lorry drivers have been detained for questioning as officials continue to piece together the exact sequence of events through forensic evidence, CCTV footage, and witness accounts. — BMB

BBMP plans crackdown on illegal PG facilities

Over 1,800 PGs unauthorised, BBMP explores stricter policies to enforce civic rules, including legalising only those that meet hygiene and parking standards

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In a bid to tackle civic nuisance and enforce zoning laws, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is considering strict action against Paying Guest (PG) accommodations operating in residential areas without providing essential amenities such as dedicated vehicle parking. Officials are even contemplating closure of such establishments if they fail to comply.

Sources said that many PGs located on narrow, internal roads have become a source of public inconvenience. Residents have raised complaints about the heavy vehicle congestion caused by PG residents parking along roadside stretches. In addition, many PGs have been accused of housing more tenants than permitted, further aggravating the problem. BBMP officials are holding internal discussions to make it mandatory for PG owners to provide adequate parking facilities. They are also exploring regulatory mechanisms to bring unauthorised PGs under the civic net.

A BBMP official said, "According to zoning norms, commercial activities are not allowed on roads that are less than 40 feet wide. BBMP is not authorised to issue business licenses in such areas, yet a significant number of PGs are reportedly operating in violation of these rules. Currently, over 1,800 PGs across Bengaluru are said to be running without official authorisation. Despite operating as commercial establishments, these unlicensed PGs do not contribute any revenue to the BBMP. Yet, they continue to consume civic services like road access and waste management. However, regulating such setups has become a growing challenge."

Zoning violations rise with PG surge in the city

"As per zoning norms, commercial activities aren't allowed on roads less than 40 feet wide, yet many PGs are flouting these rules
–A BBMP official

In light of this, the civic body is considering a proposal to amend zoning rules and introduce controlled permissions for PGs operating in residential areas, especially where they fulfil basic criteria such as hygiene and parking provision.

Proposal to government in pipeline

Given the city's dependence on PG accommodations — especially for students and professionals from other districts and states — the BBMP acknowledges that sudden closures may not be practical. Instead, it is planning to send a proposal to the state government to relax zoning regulations and legalise PGs under certain conditions. Health department officials are particularly concerned about the potential for exploitation, such as landlords charging exorbitant rents if regularised licensing is introduced. To address this, a licensing model similar to hostels is being discussed.

94 PGs shut down for violations

Of the 4,456 PGs recently inspected in Bengaluru — comprising 2,504 authorised and 1,799 unauthorised units — a total of 533 were found violating BBMP and government norms. Notices have been issued to all these establishments. Subsequently, 94 PGs have been shut down — including 92 unauthorised and 2 authorised facilities — primarily for failing to meet hygiene and civic compliance standards.

Protection for 368 trees at Cantonment Railway Colony

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In a direction issued, Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has instructed that action be taken for the protection of the 368 trees on the Cantonment Railway Colony campus proposed to be felled for a commercial project.

A letter issued from his office also stated that rules will be framed to bring the request of cutting down more than 50 trees to the notice of the Forest Minister, and after obtaining the government's permission.

BMC visit

Meanwhile, Bengaluru's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) members visited Bangalore Cantonment Railway Colony campus on Monday to assess the ecological impact of cutting down 368 heritage trees for a proposed 'commercial development project'. Members had earlier requested the Railway authorities to minimise the cutting down of trees and extend the deadline for the public to file online objections. The committee will soon submit a report to the DCF.

Anandavana is last surviving lung space, say JP Nagar residents

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However, noise and air pollution, mostly due to surge in vehicular traffic, have affected the forest area.

"The air quality index has worsened. Noise, along with dust pollution, has disrupted nesting of birds in the mini forest, increased blackspots, and once a peaceful residential area is turning into a living hell for senior citizens who are forced to stay indoors. Young children have stopped playing, biking, and infants are no longer seen in strollers due to traffic flowing from main roads into the locality," another senior citizen in the area told BM.

Locals say the mini forest, popularly known as Anandavana, is indispensable for regular walkers and residents of JP Nagar, Dollars Colony, Bannerghatta Road, and other neighbourhoods. It is a legacy that needs to be protected and showcased for future generations to experience.

"Mini Forest and the many other trees in the block today are protecting the area from the urban heat island effect. The tree cover mitigates climate change on the local climate by sequestering carbon. Moreover, bird watchers and nature lovers organise walks to capture different species of birds and trees in the mornings. This is one of the few rare blocks in the city where nature and residents live in harmony. However, we are worried that the existing issues, along with the proposed infrastructure projects, will ruin this paradise further," said a resident.

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Road danger
Sriramapuram

A sunken road near a bar, located between 5th and 6th Cross, 7th Main, Sriramapuram, presents a significant safety hazard.

Obstructed path
Dr Rajkumar Road

BWSSB's concrete pipes are scattered along Dr Rajkumar Road, obstructing footpaths, particularly near the Navarang Theatre bus stand. Passengers boarding outstation KSRTC buses are facing difficulties due to the blockage. Traffic police, BBMP, and the MLA need to intervene to properly organise the placement of the pipes.

Route blockage
Maharaja Parking Complex

An open pothole near the Maharaja Parking Complex is causing difficulty for vehicles turning left. Hospital Road experiences heavy traffic and footfall, as it connects several major routes.

Stray dog's murder sparks vaccination drive demand

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Citizens have raised alarm over the killing of a stray dog at Nirman Layout near Jigani. They said it not only shows that many are unaware of rules pertaining to violence against strays but also raises concerns about the authorities' failure to ensure timely rabies vaccinations for street dogs.

Dog rescuer and feeder Razia Khan filed a complaint about the killing based on which Jigani Police registered a first information report (FIR) against Sindhu, Raju, and others under the Section 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and under the Section 325 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

According to the FIR, two residents of Nirman Layout beat the dog to death with wooden logs on May 3.

Ramshy PS, a dog feeder and resident of Nirman Layout, told BM that she had tried to save the dog. "I wanted to make arrangements to take the dog to a veterinary hospital for suspected rabies. The residents and security people came to the spot and killed the dog brutally. They also threatened me because I feed dogs," said Ramshy.

Razia said that this was common in Nirman Layout, where she used to live till last October. "I faced a lot of problems while residing there. Some of the residents did not like me feeding stray dogs," she said.

Nirman Layout Residents Welfare Association President Muralidhar said that he received complaints from residents about the stray dog. "It is said that the dog bit two residents and three cattle. We are not against stray dogs," he said.

The location where the stray dog was killed at Nirman Layout

MT Raju, one of the accused, said that he and other guards tried to pacify agitating residents gathered in front of Ramshy's house. "I feed three to four stray dogs near my house. I did not kill the dog. Let the police verify the CCTV footage to prove my involvement in killing the dog," he said.

Residents and animal activists are urging the Hulimangala Panchayat authorities to initiate a vaccination program for stray dogs, ensuring protection against rabies and promoting public safety. However, Hulimangala Panchayat authorities have yet to chalk out a plan to vaccinate dogs against rabies.

"We have no manpower to catch stray dogs. I will do the needful with the coordination of a veterinary doctor," said Hulimangala Panchayat Development Officer HV Krishnappa.

Mobile phone snatching cases surge across the city

Police urge citizens to be more proactive in reporting incidents to assist law enforcement in identifying high-risk areas and increase patrolling

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Authorities suggest avoiding phone use in isolated or dimly lit streets, especially during odd hours, as a basic preventive step

Mobile phone snatching is fast becoming a daily menace in Bengaluru, with incidents reported almost every day across multiple neighbourhoods. In just one-night, early Saturday, five such cases were reported from different parts of the city, indicating the rising audacity of thieves and the growing vulnerability of citizens.

At around 2.30 am near Wilson Garden, a man speaking on his phone was targeted by two unidentified bike-borne thieves who snatched his mobile and fled. Within hours, similar incidents were reported from Mahalakshmi Layout, Adugodi, Byatarayanapura, and Pulakeshinagar, all following a disturbingly similar pattern.

Victims were typically walking alone on dimly lit or less crowded roads, often late at night or in the early morning hours, while engrossed in phone conversations. The snatchers, usually two men on a bike, would ride up from behind, swiftly grab the phone from the victim's hand, often with enough force to throw the person off balance and speed away into narrow lanes of traffic, making it difficult to chase or identify them.

In most cases, the victims were caught completely off guard, with no time to react or note the vehicle's registration number. Police said that these snatchers target areas with minimal CCTV coverage and low foot traffic, allowing them a clean getaway.

Following the spate of thefts, city police launched a late-night search operation, deploying teams across vulnerable zones. However, no arrests were made, and the culprits managed to escape.

4-5 mobile thefts per day

Police sources said that mobile snatching has become a near-daily occurrence, especially in the early morning and late evening hours. While five cases were reported in just one night, officers said that the actual number may be significantly higher, as many victims do not file complaints. If incidents like these occur at even a modest average of 4–5 per day, Bengaluru could be seeing 120–150 cases a month, possibly more.

"People often don't come forward because they believe the phone won't be recovered anyway," said a senior police officer. "But without formal complaints, we can't identify hotspots or track down the snatchers effectively," the officer said.

With smartphones costing tens of thousands of rupees, police are urging citizens to treat thefts as serious crimes and report them immediately. Besides helping in recovery, consistent complaint data helps law enforcement intensify patrolling and focus on high-risk areas. Authorities also suggest avoiding phone use in isolated or dimly lit streets, especially during odd hours, as a basic preventive step.

Crackdown on unlicenced pubs

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara has instructed the police to gather detailed information on both licensed and unlicenced pubs in Bengaluru.

"Comprehensive details about both authorised and unauthorised pubs must be available at the police stations. If any establishment is operating illegally, questions need to be raised about how they were allowed to function," he said.

He stated that pubs should only operate after receiving clear permission from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The directive comes in light of rising concerns over public safety and violations of local regulations. Authorities have been increasingly vigilant about ensuring that these establishments comply with all legal and safety standards.

This move aims to curb illegal operations and ensure that only those adhering to the rules are allowed to function, thereby promoting a safer environment for both patrons and the community.

Ad row: RCB's plea dismissed

The Delhi High Court dismissed a petition filed by Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd, the owner of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), which sought to stop Uber India Systems Pvt. Ltd from airing a bike-taxi advertisement allegedly distorting RCB's popular slogans. Justice Saurabh Banerjee denied RCB's request for an interim injunction, stating that the advertisement relates to cricket and should be viewed with sporting spirit.

"The impugned advertisement is in the context of a game of cricket, a game of sportsmanship, which, in the opinion of this court, does not call for any interference of any sort at this stage," the court held.

"Interference by this court at this stage would tantamount to allowing the plaintiff to run on water with assurances of their not falling. Accordingly, the present application is dismissed. No order as to costs."

The legal action concerned Uber's "Baddies in Bengaluru" advertisement featuring Sunrisers Hyderabad player Travis Head. RCB alleged unauthorised usage and alteration of their slogan "Ee Sala Cup Namde" and indirect trademark infringement.

The advertisement, released on April 5 and viewed over 2 million times, depicts a character painting "Royal Challengers Bangalore" in a stadium logistics room, which RCB considered deliberately provocative.

RCB asserted ownership of the "Royal Challengers Bengaluru" trademark and highlighted that "Ee Sala Cup Namde" resonates strongly with Kannada-speaking supporters. They argued the advertisement damages their reputation through mockery and trademark misuse. **BMB**

Man cheated of Rs 12 lakh in gold coin scam

A 35-year-old resident of Vijayapura has claimed to have been swindled of Rs 12 lakh in a fake gold coin deal involving a group of five people. Three of the suspects were police officials, who have now been arrested by CCB police.

According to the complaint filed with the Commissioner, Tabrez, a medical shop owner from Devanahalli, approached Ramesh for a headache pill in March. Ramesh fabricated a tale about unearthing four kg of gold while digging a field in Harihara, claiming it could be sold at half the market price.

On March 13, 2025, Tabrez travelled to Harihara as instructed by Ramesh, where he was introduced to a youth, who gave him a genuine gold coin, which passed purity tests. The youth showed him several cloth-wrapped coins. One of the coins was tested at Shree Ganesh Computer Golding and Mailing Shop in Devanahalli, and it showed a purity of 23.14 carats—convincing Tabrez of the deal's legitimacy.

On March 21, Tabrez returned to Neelagunda Cross and handed over Rs 12 lakh—money arranged through a personal loan and family savings—in exchange for what was purported to be 2 kg of gold coins. However, the fraud was exposed on March 24, when his brother tried to sell the coins and discovered they were fake. **BMB**

Excess rainfall, but Karnataka reservoirs still running dry

Cauvery basin drops to 44%, raising concerns over summer water supply

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April rains fail to boost inflow despite excess thunderstorm activity

Despite experiencing excess rainfall in April, water levels in all 14 major reservoirs in Karnataka, including those in the Cauvery basin, have dropped alarmingly.

From over 53% storage at the beginning of April, the cumulative water levels in Cauvery basin reservoirs have shrunk to 44%. The live storage of these reservoirs now stands at 50.45 TMC, compared to 61.39 TMC a month ago. The combined capacity of the four major reservoirs – Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam, Harangi, Hemavati, and Kabini – is 114.57 TMC.

Similarly, the storage levels in reservoirs across the state have decreased to 289.48 TMC (32%), down from the total available storage of 895.62 TMC. On April 1, the overall storage was at 375.25 TMC (42%).

Although April saw what was categorized as "excess rainfall," with moderate to heavy thunderstorms throughout the month in most parts of the state, including Bengaluru it was not enough to generate inflow and improve the storage levels.

Experts point out that it was not enough to generate sufficient inflow into the reservoirs. Dr GS Srinivas Reddy, former director of the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC), explained, "The rainfall was about 8 to 9 mm across the state. Even if the rainfall had reached 11 or 12 mm, it wouldn't have been enough to generate inflows. For significant inflow, the rainfall should be around 100 mm. However, the excess rainfall would have saturated the catchment areas. Any rain in June or July will have a better chance of improving storage levels."

> **"Although April experienced excess rainfall, the amount was not enough to generate inflows. For generating inflow, it should be around 100 mm**
>
> –Dr GS Srinivas Reddy, former director of KSNDMC

According to KSNDMC data, the water level in Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) reservoir is currently at just 38%. With a total capacity of 49.45 TMC, it is holding only 18.92 TMC of water. Similarly, Kabini has 46% of its capacity (9.01 TMC of its 19.52 TMC), Hemavati holds 51.4%, and Harangi is at 40% of its total capacity.

Despite the decline in water levels, experts note that the current storage is still better compared to the same time last year. "Although water levels are dropping, the storage in major reservoirs is higher than it was last year. This suggests that we are not likely to face a water-scarce summer," an expert said. However, areas that rely heavily on groundwater and have limited resources may experience difficulties.

State launches caste census for equity

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The Karnataka government today launched a comprehensive caste census targeting Scheduled Castes (SCs) to gather empirical data on sub-caste demographics. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, addressing a press conference, said the exercise aims to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits and uphold social justice. The survey, which will run from May 5 to May 17, will be conducted in three phases: door-to-door visits, special camps, and an online self-declaration option. A one-member commission, headed by retired High Court Judge Nagamohan Das, will oversee the process.

Siddaramaiah emphasised the government's commitment to implementing internal reservation within SC communities based on accurate data. He explained that the 2011 census lacked detailed sub-caste information, making this exercise necessary for fair policy decisions. Over 65,000 teachers have been deployed as enumerators, with one supervisor assigned for every 10-12 surveyors. Citizens are urged to provide correct sub-caste details either during home visits, at designated camps (May 19-21), or via online submission (May 19-23). This move follows a Supreme Court ruling on August 1, 2024, which allows states to introduce internal quotas for SCs based on empirical evidence. The Nagamohan Das Commission had earlier stressed the need for verified population data before implementing such policies. The commission is expected to submit its report within 60 days of data collection, after which the government will finalise reservation policies. A dedicated helpline (94813/59000) has been set up for public queries. **–BMB**

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Police install smart surveillance after Sanapur incident to boost tourist safety

In a significant step to enhance tourist safety at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi, the Vijayanagara district police are all set to install state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered CCTV cameras. This initiative comes in the wake of recent incidents involving the assault of a woman tourist and the murder of another visitor in the Sanapur region near Hampi, prompting a state-wide push to strengthen security at major tourist destinations.

Hampi, often described as an "open-air museum," attracts lakhs of domestic and international tourists every year. However, the recent crimes have deeply shaken public confidence, compelling authorities to act swiftly. As part of the safety overhaul, district police have begun replacing defunct and outdated surveillance cameras in and around Hospet and Hampi with AI-integrated systems designed for real-time monitoring and faster response.

> **AI surveillance will enable precise and real-time tracking of criminal activity, significantly aiding investigations and enhancing public safety**
>
> –Senior official

Officials say these advanced cameras will help law enforcement swiftly identify suspects and improve the efficiency of crime response. Some units are already operational at key junctions and highways, and more are expected to be installed soon.

In the aftermath of the Sanapur incidents, the police also convened meetings with local stakeholders, including homestay owners and auto rickshaw drivers, to raise awareness and enforce safety protocols. One major step has been the mandatory installation of CCTV systems at all hotels and homestays. According to Superintendent of Police Dr BLSrihari Babu, compliance has risen sharply from about 50% to nearly full coverage.

Alongside surveillance upgrades, security on the ground has been tightened. Four new checkpoints have been set up, and patrols have been intensified with additional Cheetah bikes and highway patrol vehicles deployed to monitor key tourist areas.

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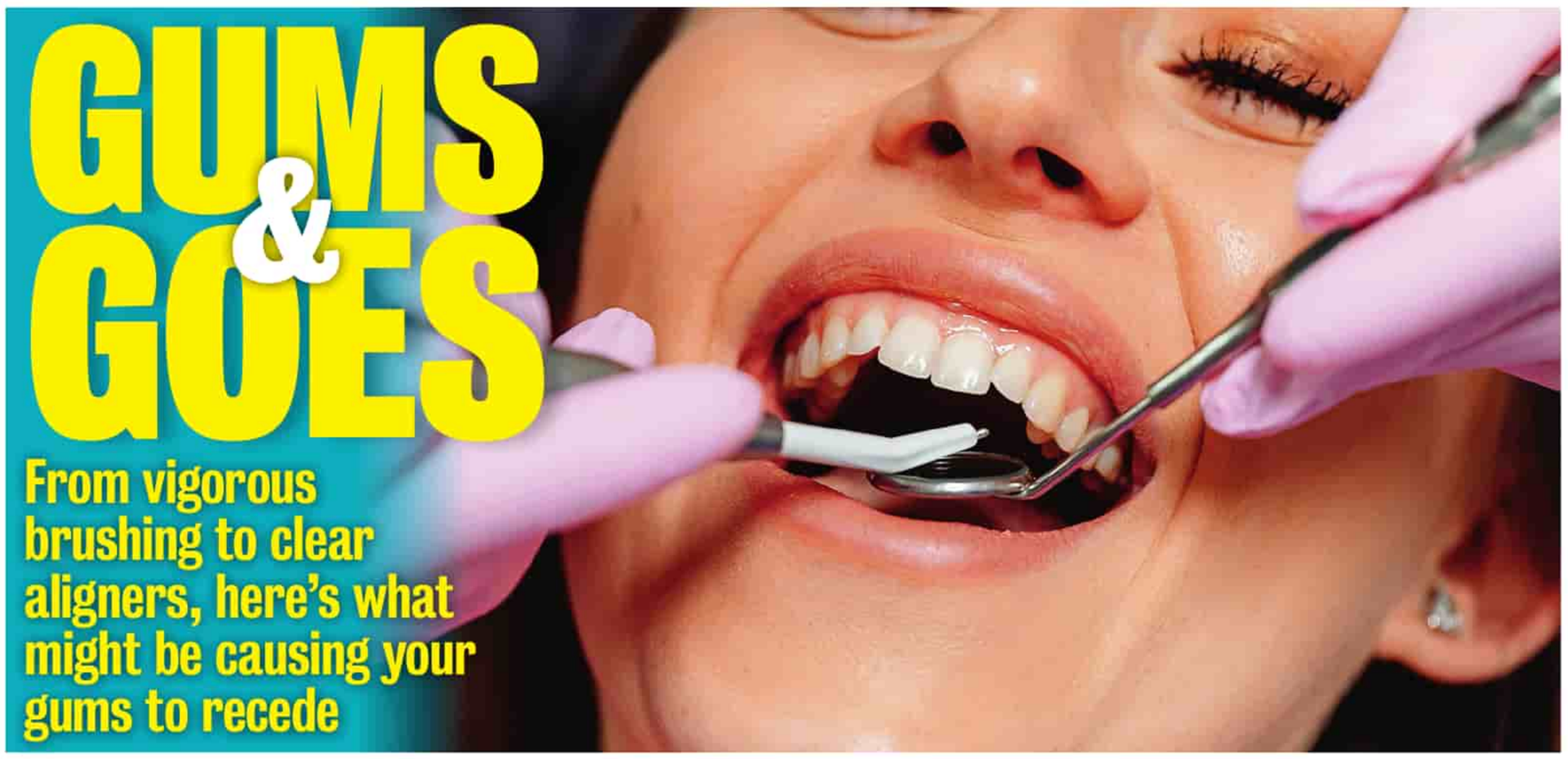

From vigorous brushing to clear aligners, here's what might be causing your gums to recede

One of the most common concerns patients bring to the dental chair is receding gums. Often, the immediate assumption is: "I must have gum disease." While this can be true, gum recession isn't always a clear-cut sign of disease. In fact, many people don't notice any problem until they begin to experience tooth sensitivity to cold, hot, or sweet foods – or they notice their smile changing, with more visible tooth surfaces or small gaps appearing between the teeth.

Dentists often respond to this concern with a quick fix: applying white composite fillings near the gum line. While this may help with sensitivity in the short term, it can make the problem worse over time by contributing to further gum recession.

Gum disease – also known as periodontitis – is a serious condition. Symptoms such as bleeding when brushing, drifting teeth, persistent bad breath, or tooth mobility should always be investigated. However, gum recession can have other causes, too.

Perhaps surprisingly, one of the biggest culprits behind receding gums is actually overzealous brushing. Using too much force or brushing with the wrong tools – like a hard-bristled toothbrush – can gradually wear away gum tissue. Electric toothbrushes can help by reducing pressure, especially newer models that light up when you brush too hard. But in reality, many people focus more on how long they brush than how they brush. Even the smart apps that pair with these toothbrushes usually highlight brushing time in each area, rather than pressure applied.

That's why teaching proper brushing technique is so important. The best method will vary depending on a patient's individual tooth and gum structure – and it should always aim to remove plaque effectively while using gentle, consistent pressure. If someone is doing well with a manual toothbrush and has a solid technique, there's no reason to switch to an electric one.

Another growing cause of gum recession is cosmetic tooth straightening with clear aligners. While aligners are effective for aligning teeth quickly, they're often paired with fixed retainers – wires bonded behind the teeth to hold them in place. Over time, this can cause the roots to drift outside the natural bone housing of the jaw, resulting in gum tissue shrinking away from the teeth.

> **Symptoms such as bleeding when brushing, drifting teeth, persistent bad breath, or tooth mobility should always be investigated**

Solutions

The good news is that there are solutions. Every case is unique, but with the right knowledge and techniques, dentists can help patients restore both gum health and appearance.

For cases where the gum tissue has receded significantly, there are several surgical options depending on the patient's needs and goals.

For functional concerns, a technique called the free gingival graft is commonly used. This involves transplanting a thin layer of tissue – usually taken from the roof of the mouth (the palate) – to create a band of tough, pink gum around the base of the teeth. This helps patients brush comfortably without irritating the soft tissue of the gum. While this procedure can slightly reduce recession, the main goal is improving durability and comfort, not aesthetics. The graft is often visibly different in colour and texture.

For cosmetic concerns, more advanced "plastic surgery" techniques are available. One popular method involves carefully lifting the local gum tissue, inserting a tissue graft beneath it (again, typically taken from the palate), and stitching it in place. This "sandwich" approach thickens the gums and gives them a healthier appearance. The graft acts as a scaffold for the existing gum tissue to grow back over, improving both form and function.

These procedures are safe, effective and minimally invasive. They're typically performed under local anaesthetic in a dental practice and require only a few days of recovery with over-the-counter pain relief. For anxious patients, conscious sedation can also be used – a technique where medications are used to relax a patient during a medical procedure, allowing them to remain awake and alert while feeling less nervous and potentially less aware of what's happening.

Long-term studies show these techniques to be reliable, with a success rate of up to 93% and minimal relapse even five years after surgery.

The most important step in managing gum recession is a comprehensive patient assessment. While cosmetic concerns matter, the real priority is making sure gum disease isn't being overlooked. Periodontitis is a silent and progressive condition, leading to chronic inflammation, bone loss and eventually tooth loss.

More importantly, research links periodontal disease to systemic health conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even dementia. Protecting our gums isn't just about maintaining a nice smile – it's about safeguarding our overall health.

(By Flavio Pisani, University of Central Lancashire, The Conversation)

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Study finds men more likely to fall sick, die from 3 common health conditions

Men in many countries are more likely to fall sick and die from hypertension, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS as compared to women, according to a new study.

However, compared to women, men were found to be less likely to seek medical care and adhere to treatment for these common health conditions due to norms related to masculinity and healthcare financing.

Men were also more likely to smoke, while women were more likely to be obese and engage in unsafe sex, the study, published in the journal PLOS Medicine, found.

The research highlights sex-based differences at each step of the "health pathway", which includes being exposed to a risk factor -- such as smoking -- developing a condition, diagnosis, treatment and death, study authors said.

"Most of these differences are not explained by sex (biology) alone, but by socially-constructed gender -- highlighting the importance of taking a gender justice approach to reducing health inequities. A gender analysis can help to shape systems of health for all," Kent Buse, co-founder of Global 50/50, a UK-based research initiative seeking to achieve gender equality in global health, said.

The findings are in line with those from previous studies showing men using fewer preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services for conditions such as HIV and COVID-19, compared to women.

The study found that men and women received different care for hypertension in 200 countries.

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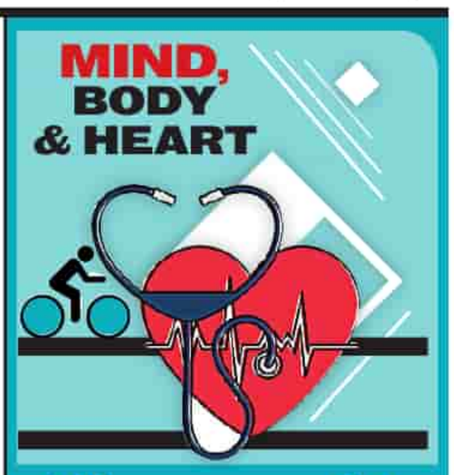

All you need to know about...

Dating trend to avoid

New trend called yap trapping

What happens when your date seems more interested in talking about themselves? Disaster! A lot of us have been there and not done that (pun intended!). In fact, a trending dating phenomenon has emerged that captures this very situation. It is called yap trapping.

When chatter becomes conquest

Most of us have been out with people who only talk about themselves. Maybe they're sitting there telling you a story about their dead cat that passed away 12 years ago in detail. Or how their best friend in 6th grade drifted apart. Or even how the last girl they were dating is now married and even showing you pictures from the wedding! This is exactly what the new relationship trend, yap trapping, is. It's when someone dominates the conversation so much that it's no longer a two-way conversation. One's a participant while the other's merely an observer.

Here's what to do

A lot of people chatter away without realising they're doing so because they're probably nervous. The good news is that there are ways to shift the conversation without being rude when you get bored with your date dominating the conversation, and not in a good way, without taking any interest in you.

You can always jump in when they pause for a moment to think or take a breath. Say, "That's interesting, and it reminds me of the time..." Or you can also be direct and tell them that you haven't had the chance to share much, and if there's anything they'd like to know about you. Be direct but polite. However, if they still keep interrupting you with their stories and take no interest in yours, it's a sign they're more interested in themselves than you. Take the hint and run. In the opposite direction.

—Femina

Malware triggers push bombing technique

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"Once clicked or downloaded, the malware springs into action, triggering a technique known as "MFA fatigue" or "push bombing." Victims are relentlessly bombarded with login approval prompts on their devices. Hoping to silence the alerts or believing it's a routine request, many users mistakenly tap "approve" granting cybercriminals unauthorised access to their digital lives."

While MFA was designed to be a second or extra layer of protection, cyber experts now highlight its vulnerability when human psychology is exploited. "This isn't just about technology anymore," said Dr Harsha Thennarasu, Chief Cyber Security Advisor. "This is social engineering at its most manipulative, it leverages grief, shock, and empathy to trick users into letting down their guard."

He further explains that cyber criminals not only exploit specific situations but also capitalise on ongoing crime trends around us. "For instance", he says, "If a student from Jammu and Kashmir is studying in Bengaluru or elsewhere in the country, cyber criminals may call the parents, falsely claim that their son has been caught in a crime, and manipulate their emotions, playing on their love and fear of losing a loved one to extort money."

Once inside, attackers can hijack email accounts, reset passwords to banking and financial apps, impersonate victims in corporate communication, and even install spyware for ongoing surveillance. Officials say this is the first widespread campaign in India where malware specifically weaponises MFA systems through emotional manipulation.

The police are urging citizens to exercise heightened caution. "Do not download unknown files, even if they seem emotionally compelling. Never approve MFA prompts unless you initiated the login," the officer added.

Cybersecurity police officials are also advising organisations to adopt additional security measures such as biometric verification, time-based prompt expiry, and adaptive risk detection. In a city that thrives on digital connectivity, this latest scam is a chilling reminder that even our strongest safeguards can be undermined when empathy becomes a weapon.

Bengaluru residents are advised to report suspicious messages and refrain from forwarding emotionally provocative content. Cybercrime police officials also advise that if you encounter such a situation, you should immediately report it to the nearest cyber crime police station. There are eight such stations operating under different jurisdictions or contact 1930 for reporting cybercrime.

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I Rajamane Madhuri Mallikarjun W/O, Jashanpreet R/o No 3, 1st Main Road, Krishna Temple Road, Dwarka Nagar, Bsk 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore – 560085. Karnataka have changed my name to Rajmane Madhuri Mallikarjun.

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I, Aiman Fathima . G W/o Mir Mahdi Hassan Residing at No 1/1, Gangman Qtrs, South Road, Austin Town, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore 560047, Karnataka, India have changed my name to Aiman Fathima

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I Girijakala N W/O, K B Mudde Gowda R/o 4a 12th Cross 3d Main Road Health Layout Second Stage Srigandhakaval Bengaluru 560091 have changed my name to Dhanalakshmi N. Vide Affidavit dated: 09.12.2014, before notary B Chitra Bengaluru.

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I, SUGUNA PRABHU, Residing at 26/36, 8th Main N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560076, have changed my name to SUGUNA BALAKRISHNA, vide affidavit dated 29/04/2025, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

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I, Mr. Mohammed Ajmal, R/o 257G 6th A Main Road, HBR Layout, 1 Stage, 2nd Block, Bengaluru 560043 have changed my minor daughter's name from Faiha Fathima to Sadaf Fathima for all purposes.

I Vijaya kumar G J S/o Javaraiah G S r/o 493/J 8th Cross 7th Block Jayanagar Bangalore 560070 have changed my name to Vijay Kumar G J For all purposes.

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'Aggregator platforms must train drivers for better service'

Responding to Bangalore Mirror's recent report on aggregator apps demanding tips from passengers, K Radhakrishna Holla, president of the Karnataka State Travel Owners' Association stressed the need for improved professionalism and discipline in the city's public transport sector, especially among aggregator-based services.

In a letter to Mirror, Holla observed that while app-based transport aggregators have grown in popularity across urban areas—thanks to their ease, speed, and tech-enabled services—they have also given rise to some fundamental service issues. "A worrying trend is the declining quality in taxi and auto rickshaw services," he said. "Some drivers appear to forget the value of the service they provide and fail to behave professionally or courteously with passengers."

He attributed this decline to the lack of regular personality development and soft-skills training for drivers employed by aggregator companies. "Drivers aren't being educated on the importance of clear communication, professional conduct, and transparent service. This gap reflects in how they engage with customers," he noted.

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Highlighting that transport service is not merely a logistics product but an essential part of people's daily lives, Holla emphasised that passenger experience and satisfaction are the pillars of success in this sector. "Aggregator platforms must take ownership and ensure that drivers receive proper training to deliver model service. Only then can we build a smoother and more disciplined transport system in our cities," he added.

To this end, the Karnataka State Travel Owners' Association has recommended that the state transport department enforce regular training modules. — **BMB**

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HC dismisses case against man accused of growing ganja

Man was alleged to have been growing 5–6 cannabis plants on his land, HC notes authorities failed to separate leaves from plant before weighing

The Karnataka High Court dismissed a case filed under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, against an individual accused of growing 5 to 6 cannabis plants on his land. The court highlighted that the authorities failed to separate the leaves from the actual ganja before weighing.

The accused sought relief from the High Court, challenging the proceedings registered under Sections 20(a) and 20(b)(ii)(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, in his ruling, stated, "Therefore, it is an admitted fact that segregation of leaves and the actual ganja is not made prior to weighing the same and the charge sheet is filed. Therefore, the charge sheet is filed blatantly contrary to law, as laid down by the Apex Court and followed by this Court in the afore-quoted judgments."

The petitioner was represented by Advocate Jaysham Jayasimha Rao, whilst Addl. SPP BN Jagadeesh appeared for the Respondent.

Case background

Following a tip-off, authorities searched the residence of the petitioner, an elderly person. They alleged he was growing 5 to 6 cannabis plants on his property. The search led to a criminal case under Section 20(a). After investigation, police filed charges, and the court recognised offences under Sections 20(a) and 20(b)(ii)(c), issuing summons. The petitioner then approached the High Court.

Court's analysis

The court noted that the search resulted in seizing 27.360 kg of alleged cannabis plants, including roots, stems, leaves, buds, and a plastic bag. The court observed that whilst growing cannabis in residential premises is illegal, these plants were found amongst other common weeds in the backyard.

The court referenced the Alakh Ram v. State Of UP (2004) verdict, where naturally growing plants were not considered cultivation. Additionally, in Kolandaiswamy v. State Of Karnataka (2017), it was established that the Act requires plant parts to be segregated, and including other parts would render proceedings ineffective.

The court stated, "If the facts obtaining in the case at hand are considered on the touchstone of what is held by the Apex Court in the case of Alakh Ram, as followed by this Court in the afore-quoted judgments, the charge against the petitioner must fail for reasons more than one."

The court found no evidence of intentional cultivation, and noted that the seized plants were weighed without proper segregation. Given these factors, the court quashed the proceedings against the petitioner. — **BMB**

Businessman arrested for strangling wife

The Basaveshwara Nagar police on Monday arrested a 43-year-old businessman for allegedly strangling his wife to death following a heated domestic argument at their home on April 25.

The accused, Lokesh Kumar Gehlot, who runs a photo studio in Cubbon Pete, had reportedly been pressuring his wife, Namitha, to bring money from her parents to invest in his business. He had already taken ₹60,000, leading to frequent quarrels between the couple. Lokesh also allegedly grew suspicious of Namitha and often picked fights with her.

On the evening of April 24, Lokesh returned home from work and found Namitha speaking to her brother over the phone. He demanded she put the call on speaker, which she refused. An argument broke out, and in a fit of rage, Lokesh allegedly strangled her to death. He fled the scene, leaving the body behind. — **BMB**

Rs 8.71 lakh seized from MDMA smuggling racket

A total of ₹8.71 lakh in illicit earnings has been confiscated following the unmasking of an MDMA smuggling network involving a Kerala-based trafficker and two local peddlers in Bengaluru. The trail of dirty money stretched across multiple bank accounts, including those of the accused and their relatives.

A case was registered under the NDPS Act and Karnataka Prison Act. During the probe, officials uncovered that one of the accused, lodged in Parappana Agrahara Central Jail under judicial custody, was allegedly operating a drug network from behind bars.

On February 14, 2025, he was taken into police custody for interrogation. Investigators discovered that the accused had funneled drug money into multiple bank accounts—₹3.9 lakh and ₹81,000 in his own, and ₹4 lakh and ₹8.71 lakh in the names of relatives. Officers issued a confiscation order on March 27 under the NDPS Act. The Administrative Officers from SAFEMA (FOP) & NDPSA, Chennai, upheld the CCB's confiscation order. — **BMB**

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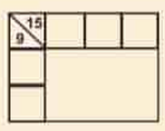
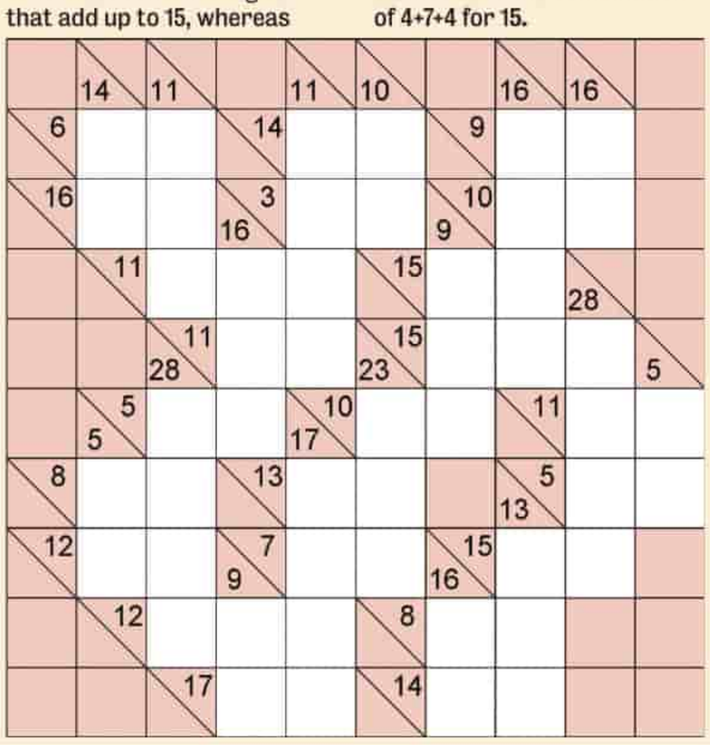
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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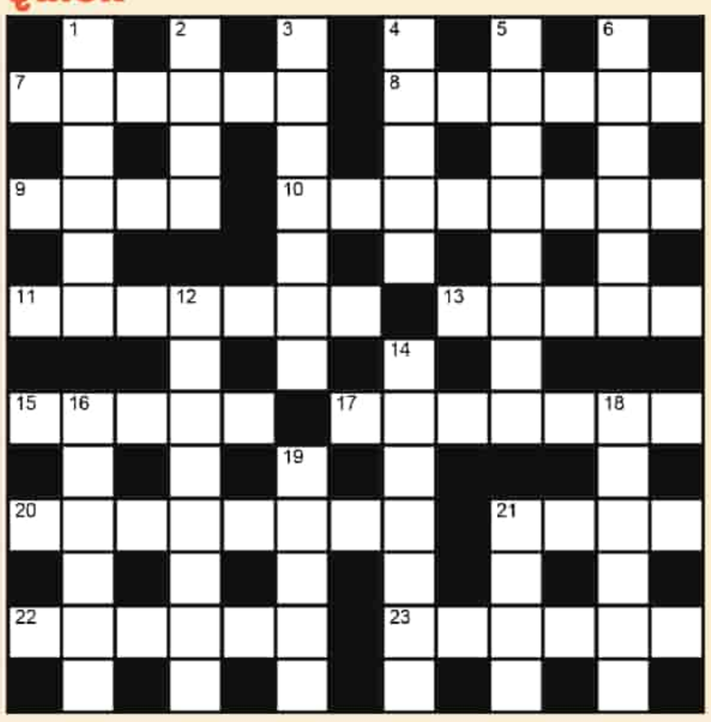


ACROSS

7 Person owing money etc. (6)
8 West Indian sorcery? (6)
9 Angelic instrument? (4)
10 Nationalists (8)
11 Chewed at the bit (7)
13 The Muslim faith (5)
15 Ill-treatment (5)
17 Beginning (7)
20 The act of nodding the head (8)
21 Exodus author __ Uris (4)
22 Treachery or deception (6)
23 Dense forest (6)

DOWN

1 The reverse of "add on to"? (6)
2 To discontinue (4)
3 ____ up : finished off the matter? (7)
4 Egg-shaped (5)
5 Scenery for a film (5,3)
6 Merchant of Venice character (6)
12 Wrong in opinion (8)
14 Kalyanji's brother and musical partner (7)
16 Savages (6)
18 Hospital on Bannerghatta Road (6)
19 ___ percent : half (5)
21 Leash for a hawk (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS G

WZ'J BQZ PFRSSWBS WY DQE VRB PRVM WZ ET.

Linemaro

Your eyes are as blue as my swimming pool

Mindchow

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there

Joke of the day

A telephone survey says that 51 per cent of college students drink until they pass out at least once a month... the other 49 per cent didn't answer the phone

Loop

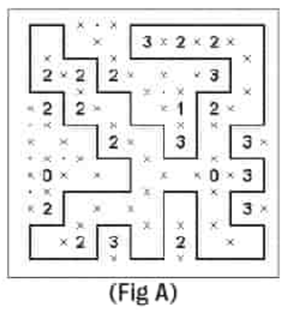
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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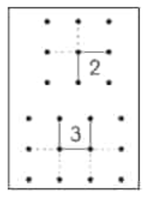
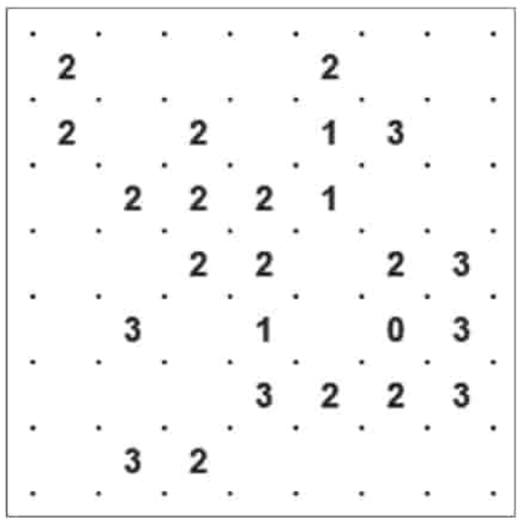
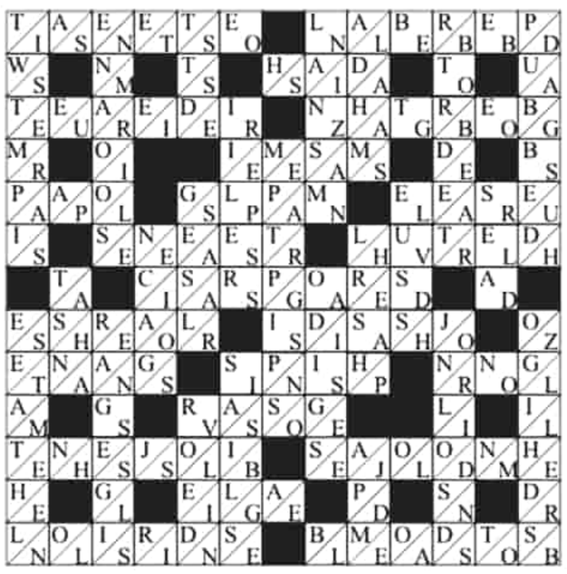


(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9		K		

ACROSS

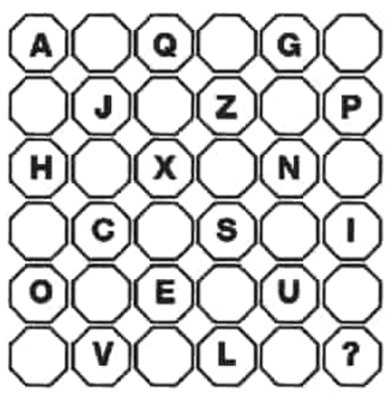
1 Tra-la; 6 Elgar; 7 Ree Nu; 8 Cadre; 9 Skite

DOWN

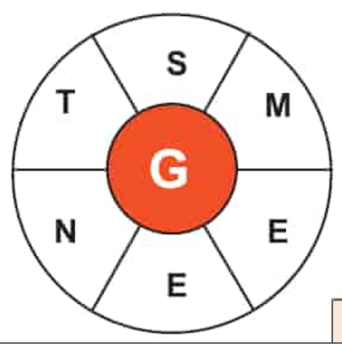
1 Later; 2 Liana; 3 R Tuck; 4 Eager; 5 Redes

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		5	1		9	3		
	1		4		7		6	
3								4
		2	9	5	4	7		
8								1
		4	8	6	1	9		
4								5
	7		6		5		2	
		3	7		2	4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15

2 2 7 8

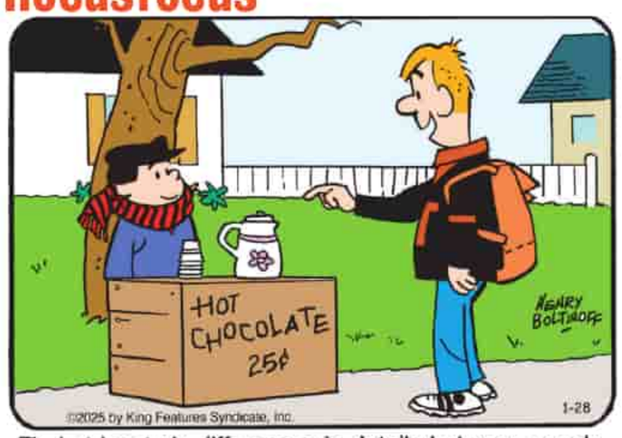
Medium = 3

1 1 2 2

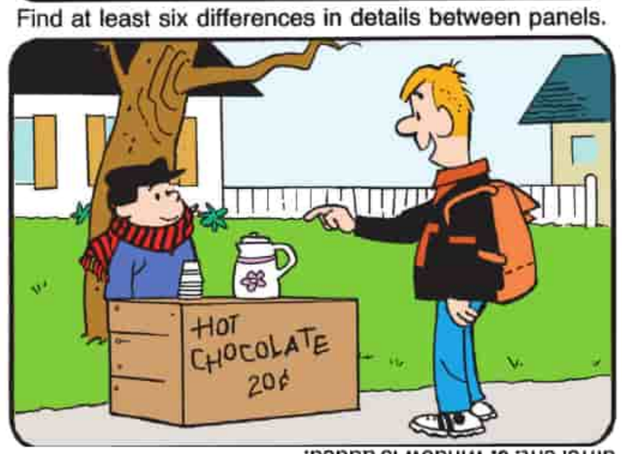
Hard = 17

1 3 7 7

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



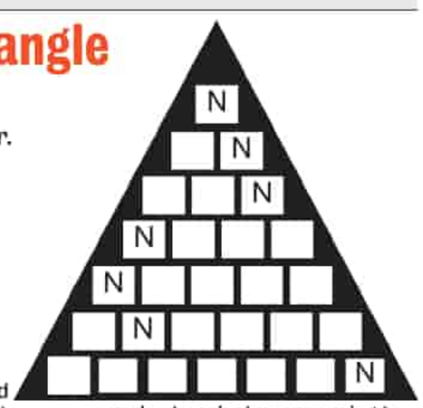
Differences: 1. Crate is wider. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Scarf is different. 4. Pitcher is reversed. 5. Price is different. 6. Window is added.

Riddler

A NA A SA A A; What comes next in the series?

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 _ target
3 Judge's title: abbr.
4 Ancient mariner
5 Mexican chip
6 Secure firmly
7 River of Hades

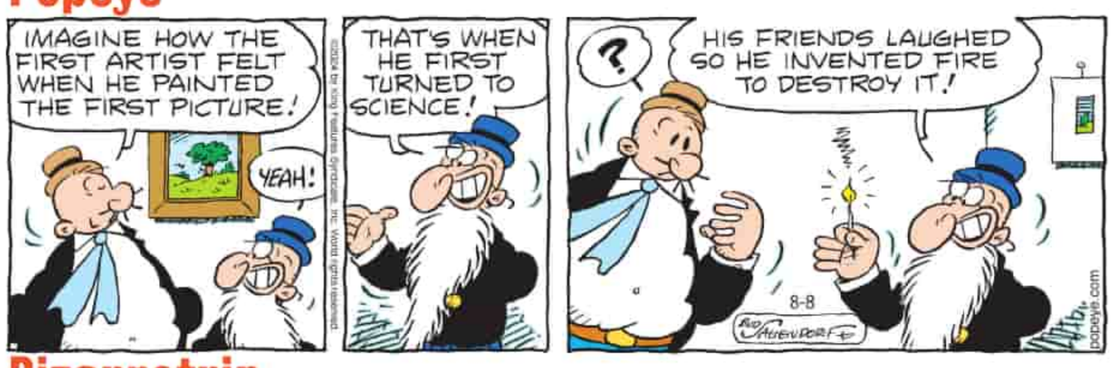


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

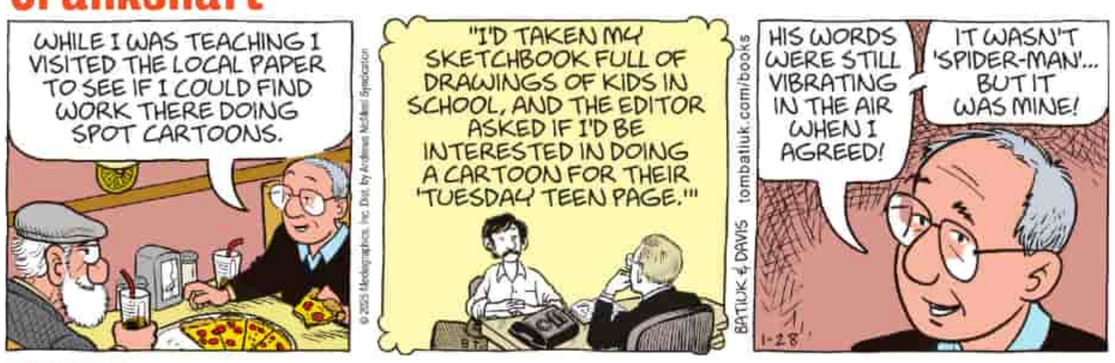


Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will boost your confidence. Your focus on goals is clear, increasing your chances of success. Creativity may flourish, and you might take interest in art, movies, glamour, or tangible aesthetics. By the end of the day, you'll feel satisfied, with your opponents under control.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, helping those in need could elevate your reputation in your community. Innovative ideas may come to you, and you're likely to assist others while implementing new concepts at work. This can lead to business growth. Lovebirds may plan an outing or an adventurous trip.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today may bring dissatisfaction and detachment from responsibilities, leading to confusion. Avoid hypothetical planning, be practical to meet deadlines. You might also focus on your parents' well-being. If you are considering relocating, it's better to delay the move for a few days.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
It's a positive day. Your hard work may pay off on both personal and professional fronts. You'll likely stay focused and complete tasks on time, enhancing your confidence. A short, work-related trip may arise and could be beneficial for expanding your network.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Domestic matters may keep you occupied today. You might spend money on artifacts or household items. Be cautious about overspending on non-essential items, as it could bring negative energy into your home. Also, try to avoid speaking harshly to others.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
After a chaotic period, today brings comfort. Your energy may empower you to make tough decisions that boost your family business. Helping those in need may raise your social standing. Students will gain clarity regarding their career paths.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel low today, with health issues causing anxiety and restlessness. It's best to delay any major investments in business or real estate. Avoid speeding and long-distance travel. Meditation may help bring calm and improve sleep quality.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Blessings from elders may uplift your spirits. Previous losses may turn into gains, improving your financial situation. You might plan for your children's future and enjoy good food at home. Issues related to throat, teeth, ears, or nose may start to resolve.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You are blessed by elders today. Your patience and work focus will be strong. Your parents' health is likely to improve, and you may spend time with them. An influential person may help you in your career. Romantic moments with your partner will enhance domestic harmony.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today may bring spiritual energy. You could help those in need or make donations to charity or religious institutions. Your good karma might support you in overcoming difficult projects. A sense of divine guidance may comfort you, and students might enjoy deep study. Interest in occult subjects could arise.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You might feel uneasy today, with hidden fears troubling your mind. A lack of trust in others may add to your discomfort. Meditation or prayer can help calm your thoughts. By evening, with elders' blessings, you may feel more balanced and regain clarity.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may be busy with work, and your professional network could grow significantly. This may lead to a major business deal or order. You might explore innovative ideas in partnership and attract new investments. Those involved in film, glamour, interior design, or home goods are likely to perform well.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 63-(-3)*(-13)+3^7
= 63-(+39)+3^7 = 63-(39/3)^7
= 63-(39/3)^7 = 63-(13)^7
= 63-91 = -28

RIDDLER
E. Each item is the first letter(s) of one of the seven continents:
1. Asia, 2. North America, 3. Africa, 4. South America, 5. Australia, 6. Antarctica & 7. Europe

QUOTE UNCODE
It's not bragging if you can back it up.

FAST FIVE

A	L	T	A	R
L	A	R	G	E
E	N	U	R	E
R	A	C	E	D
T	I	K	E	S

STRIKE OUT

N	O	S	I	D	E	■	B	E	A	S	T	S
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
B. Start at the top left and move down the left hand column, then move one place to the right and up the next column etc. In a snakes and ladders pattern. Letters are written in alternate spaces, in steps of 7 letters at a time.
gene, gent, SEGMENT

BULL'S EYE

SUDOKU

6	4	5	1	2	9	3	8	7
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3	9	7	5	8	6	2	1	4
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9	7	1	6	4	5	8	2	3
5	8	3	7	1	2	4	9	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, On, Hon, Noah, Nacho, Anchor, Achieron.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 2 - 2 + 8 = 15
Medium
2 + 2 - 1 x 1 = 3
Hard
7 + 7 + 3 / 1 = 17

LOOP

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Risky act— Actor-writer Simon Pegg says Tom Cruise is ready to risk his life for the audience. "Tom Cruise literally will risk his life for the audience," he told entertainment magazine People

Several B-Town celebs have created a fashion statement of their own. They are truly global and ethnic in their style. ETimes brings to you a list of the ones to watch out for.

FASHIONABLY GREAT

Stars who slay with their Indie style sense

Sonam Kapoor

Sonam Kapoor has long been known for her fashion-forward sensibilities. She frequently promotes indie brands that prioritize sustainability, supporting the Indian fashion industry's growth while staying true to her high-fashion roots.

Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt has become a true supporter of indie fashion, often spotted in designs that blend traditional Indian techniques with modern cuts. Her love for brands like Péro celebrates both craftsmanship and contemporary style.

Priyanka Chopra

Priyanka's fashion journey has evolved dramatically over the years. Known for her chic and bold choices, she regularly supports indie designers who blend traditional Indian elements with contemporary aesthetics. Whether it's a handcrafted outfit or a sustainable look, Priyanka's style is a fusion of her Indian roots and her international influence.

Bhumi Pednekar

Known for her advocacy of body positivity and sustainability, Bhumi Pednekar frequently opts for designs that use organic materials, like the exquisite handwoven fabrics of Ekaya Banaras, blending tradition with conscious choices.

Kareena Kapoor

Kareena's eco-chic wardrobe choices reflect her growing interest in sustainable fashion. Whether it's an organic cotton saree or a playful ensemble, Bebo proves that style and sustainability can coexist beautifully.

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Birthday gift

Aditya of Deadly Soma fame was excited to unveil a song from his latest movie Terror. The team members released the song -Hara Hara Mahadeva - on May 4, Aditya's birthday. The lyrics are written by Dr V Nagendra Prasad while Harshavardhan Raj has scored its music. Producer Silk Manju's friend Ravi Vasishta unveiled the song and wished the cast and crew good luck.

Terror is bankrolled by Silk Manju and directed by Ranjan Shivarama Gowda

Aditya said producer Silk Manju could not attend the function as he was not well.

"I requested Manju sir to postpone the function but he insisted that we go ahead and unveil the song on the occasion of my birthday. I am very happy with the success of the song," said Aditya. The movie features Srinagar Kitty, Devaraj, Shashi Kumar, Sharath Lohitasva, Kumar Bangarappa, and Kote Prabhakar. Director Ranjan Shivarama Gowda thanked his friends who introduced him to the producer and the cast and crew of the movie for their cooperation.

"As of now, re-recording if the movie is in progress. If all goes well, we will release the movie by this month or in the first week of next month," he said.

Srinagar Kitty said he was very happy to share the screen with Aditya.

Bilingual teaser out

The teaser of the Kannada version of Shesha 2016 was released last week. The movie is being made in Kannada and Malayalam. The teaser of the Malayalam version has already been unveiled and it has got a good response. The movie is being bankrolled by Manjuvani VS and Veena S under the Marigudda banner. It said the movie is about rampant corruption in society. Goat Life movie line producer Sushil Thomas, ad film maker Seeba Varghese, and former corporator Manjunath graced the event.

Pradeep Arasikere debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie. "I am grateful to the producers for giving me the opportunity to handle the megaphone for this bilingual movie. I used to work with Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company. I quit the job to direct this movie. Prior to this, I have worked as associate director for a few Kannada movies. Shesha 2016 showcases corruption in the police department and how it affects the public," the director said.

He said the movie was shot at night and during the monsoon for 35 days. Manjuvani VS, one of the producers, said that she agreed to bankroll this movie as its script is very interesting. "We have to thank our family members for their support to bankroll this movie," she said.